

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 10, 2009, the Examiner asserted that the following groups of claims are “not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:”

Group 1: Claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-15 and 19 drawn to an apparatus for reducing clogging in a pipe; and

Group 2: Claims 3-4, 16 and 18 drawn to a method for reducing clogging in a pipe.
Applicant hereby elects claims 1-2, 5-11, 13-15 and 19 and has canceled claims 3-4, 16 and 18.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction requirement. However, if the Examiner maintains the restriction, Applicant reserves the right to petition the restriction or alternatively to file continuing applications directed to claims 3, 5-6, 20 and 23-24.

Respectfully Submitted,

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